

masters resided, and where the court was held, it was most usual to have the account stated by commissioners, under a commission

satisfaction; and that the master take the account and the examination of such witnesses as may be necessary, and report the same to the court.

Pursuant to which the master made his report, and certified the same into this court, as follows, viz :

The examination of Samuel Taylor of Prince George's county, planter, taken before me by virtue of a decree of the High Court of Chancery, &c. Here follows the deposition of the witness, which it may be inferred from its not being said where taken, that it was taken and sworn to before the said B. Young, master in chancery, in Annapolis. Upon which the master reported in the following words :

'In pursuance of a decretal order made in this cause, bearing date the 2d day of June last, I have been attended by the counsel for the complainant and the defendant in this cause; and the complainant having filed with me an account of his demand for the rents and profits of his real estate, which he suggested to have been received by the complainant, or lost by his act, or neglect; and also for the profits which might have been made by the service and earnings of the mulatto man called Ned, mentioned in the proceedings, the particulars whereof are set forth in the first schedule to this, my report, annexed. And the defendant having also filed with me an account of his demand for payments, and disbursements on the complainant's account, for which he suggested, that he had not yet received satisfaction, the particulars whereof are set forth in the second schedule to this, my report, annexed; and having likewise examined such witnesses as appeared to me necessary, I have proceeded to take the account.

'And I find, by the defendant's own acknowledgement, that he had the management and possession of the complainant's real estate, and the mulatto man called Ned, in the proceedings mentioned, for at least five years before the complainant came of age; and that the rents and profits of the complainant's real estate, which lies in Saint Mary's county, mentioned in the first five articles of the first schedule to this, my report, annexed, did, for the first of the aforesaid five years, amount unto the sum of 2600 pounds of tobacco; for the next of the aforesaid five years, to the sum of 2850 pounds of tobacco; and for the remaining three of the aforesaid five years, to the annual sum of 3600 pounds of tobacco; which I find, by comparing the testimony of James White, with that of Thomas Sanner and James Biscoe, witnesses sworn and examined in this cause before the hearing thereof; which several annual sums being taken together, for the whole time aforesaid, do amount unto the sum of 16,250 pounds of tobacco; which I have allowed the complainant for the rents and profits of that part of his real estate which lies in Saint Mary's county.

'And I find, that the value of the profits of the complainant's real estate, which lies in Anne Arundel county, mentioned in the sixth article of the first schedule to this, my report, annexed, did amount to the yearly sum of 2000 pounds of tobacco; which I find proved by the testimony of Jonathan Taylor of Anne Arundel county, a witness sworn and examined in this cause, before the hearing thereof; which, for the whole five years aforesaid, does amount to the sum of 10,000 pounds of tobacco; which I have allowed the complainant for the rents and profits of that part of his real estate which lies in Anne Arundel county.

'And I also find, that by the acknowledgment of the defendant, the rents and profits of a store-house and lot, in Huntingtown, belonging to the complainant, mentioned in the seventh article of the first schedule to this, my report, annexed, did, for the